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SUBJECT: HIRC REQUEST TO INTERVIEW GUYANESE OFFICIALS

1. (U) THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER DATED JAN. 31, 1979 SENT TO THE SECRETARY FROM CHAIRMAN ZAULOCKI OF THE HIRC.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

THE STAFF INVESTIGATION OF CONGRESSMAN RYAN'S MURDER IN GUYANA HAS REACHED THE POINT WHERE IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO INTERVIEW, BOTH HERE AND ABROAD, A NUMBER OF GUYANESE OFFICIALS. THIS EFFORT WILL REQUIRE THE COOPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT. I WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW BEST TO COORDINATE THIS STAGE OF THE INVESTIGATION WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

WITH BEST WISHES, I AM

SINCERELY YOURS, CHAIRMAN
END TEXT

2. COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS THAT EMBASSY MAY HAVE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY COB FEBRUARY 9.

3. (C) FYI: DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IF IT AGREES TO HOUSE REQUEST TO APPROACH GUYANESE ON THIS ISSUE BEST PROCEDURE WOULD BE TO PASS REQUEST THROUGH GUYANESE EMBASSY HERE. VANCE

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